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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</b>  Address to: Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	DURE-021
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	First Named Inventor	Irving K. Arenberg
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	Group Art Unit	3763
	Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.
	Title:	<i>“Controlled Release System for Delivering Therapeutic Agents into the Inner Ear”</i>

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed July 28, 2011 and the Office Action mailed April 18, 2011, for which a 3-month period for reply was given. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, making this response due by August 18, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are provided beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.